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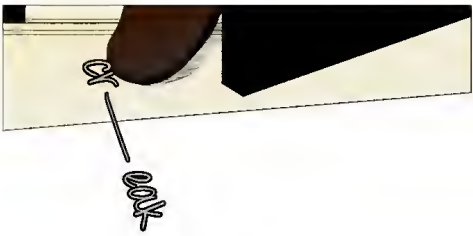

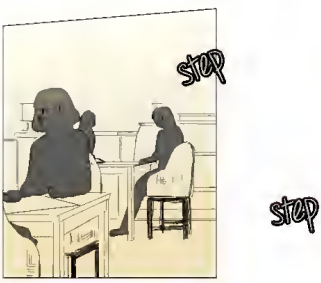

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Why is she standing there, blanked out??

I wonder if he came to say something about last time...

I thought it was all done and over with...

Well...

He's just sitting there doing nothing...

He's just coming here to drink coffee... He's not bad person right...?

It's not that strange...

for someone to visit day after day, either

He could be a regular_

grip

It's alright!

Don't be scared

He's not a.. stalker or anything right?

thinking

brightens up

Pff

Excuse me.

Hello

When did you come back?

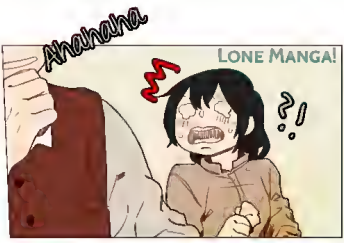
I'm sorry!! I didn't notice!

It's alright.

By the way...

Do you think that person is a stalker?

Is he really a stalker?!



Ah, I'm sorry

It's because your face changes color

so easily that I couldn't help myself

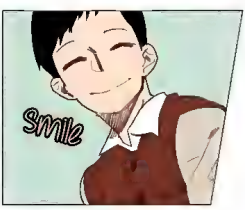
Ah...

If something is troubling you, I'll help you out

If it's about what happened last time, I'm partly at fault too

Ah... It's nothing

I'll solve this problem myself this time



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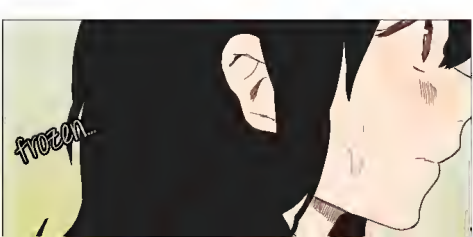
How should I say it...?

I've never met this kind of person before...



It's the same as last time, and now. It must be annoying to take care of me every time..

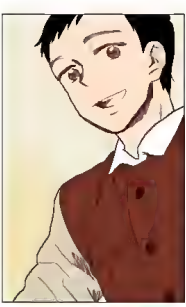
Yet he keeps helping me

I wonder if he likes helping others?

Or is there another reason...?

She turned blue again...

Ah, come to think of it I heard you're going to the dorm starting tomorrow



You said it was nearby, right? What's the school's name?

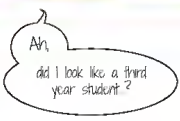
Lake High School

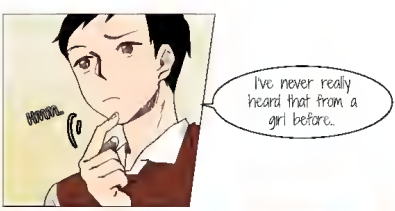
Ah~

I thought so! I'm currently attending school there as well

I'll be in the 2nd-year! I guess we'll be seeing each other in school, too

A second year?!


Ah,
did I look like a third year student..?


Hmmm..
I've never really heard that from a girl before..

Ah..!
That's not what I meant!! What I meant was

Hahaha, it was just a joke
Miss Oh, you're quite funny, aren't you?
Ah

Uhh..
I know I must've said this a million times..

but please take care of me once again
bow
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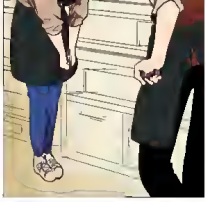

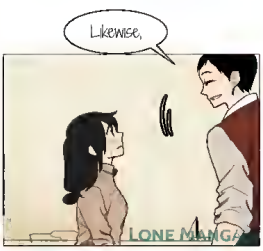

I think this is my first time..

having this kind of conversation

It feels somewhat.. natural..

Before, it was always.. One person talking to me while I just listened..

So even I can have a normal conversation too, huh..?

Do you have any questions about the school?

If you're going to the dorm, I have a friend who lives there..

I'll introduce you to them

Ah..

If that's the case

clack

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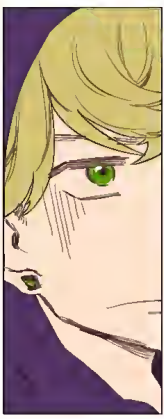
Phew..

Ah..

I can't hear what they're saying at all..

I think they were talking about me..



Ugh...

It feels like I've been stalking her for the past couple days...

The stories we write.

aren't the same as ones in novels or fairy tales

As such, we can't write something like, "they lived happily ever after."

because there would be no ending like that

Our stories are written in another space and time

However, that time flows much faster than the author's time
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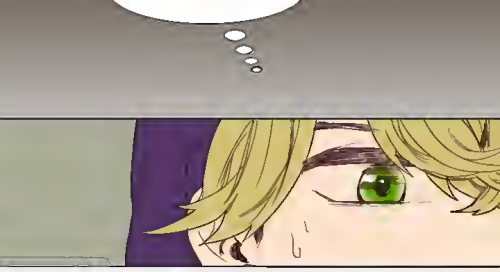
If the main character dies of old age...
or a tragic incident, the story ends
And in such a story...



I'm a character...

I can't believe it...

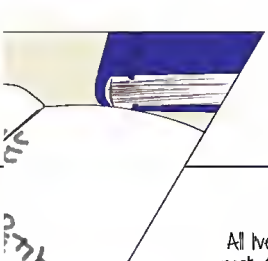
No···
I won't believe it···

Thankfully, it seems like I'll be able to get out once the story ends

It also seems like the flow of time is slower than me actually aging

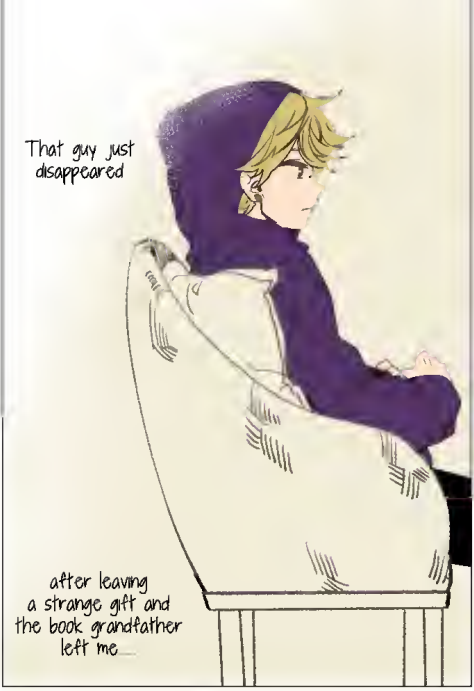
Furthermore..

Despite not being able to write, I can still use my other abilities



Let's see..

All I've found over the past 4 days are these..



Those are the only clues I have!!

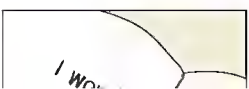
Ugh...! The more I think about it, the more annoying it is...

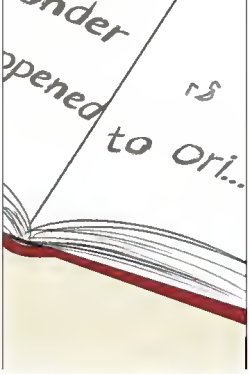
You bastard...

When I catch you, you're dead.

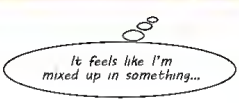
Sigh...

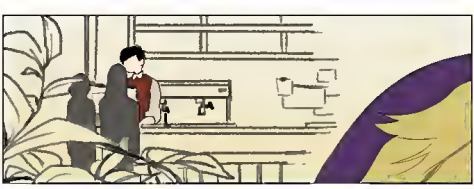
I thought I'd get some ideas by flipping through the book, but...





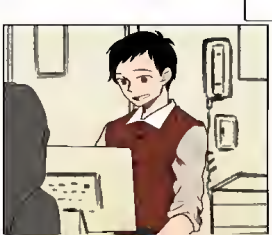
There are only strange writings in the book.
What the hell do you want me to do!!!
Do you want me to be stuck in this book until it ends by itself?!
BANG!!





Anyway..

the girl named Ori is the main character..

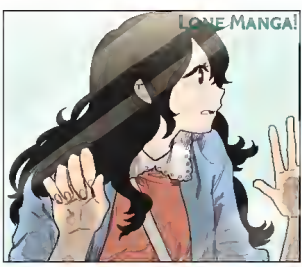


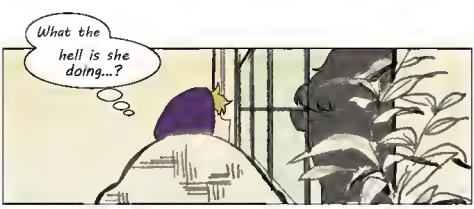
So who is he ?

And what does he do in the story...?

He's always around...

Same with last time... He still gets on my nerves...





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